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NORTH DAKOTA GARRISON MEETING

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1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER CALLED ON MANITOBA MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT BRIAN RANSOM ON 8/9. MR. RANSOM CONFIRMED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH NORTH DAKOTA REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER PREMIER LYON WOULD BE SIMILARLY INCLINED. (NORTH DAKOTA STATE SENATOR S.F. HOFFNER WROTE PREMIER LYON ON AUGUST 5 SUGGESTING A MEETING). THE MINISTER WAS UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, ABOUT WHAT PURPOSE SUCH A MEETING MIGHT SERVE OTHER THAN TO AT LEAST KEEP THE CONFLICTING PARTIES TALKING. MR. RANSOM MADE VERY CLEAR THAT HIS MINISTRY DOES NOT CONSIDER FISHTRAPS, NO MATTER HOW SOPHISTICATED, A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF BIOTA OR ROUGHFISH POLLUTION DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAP FAILURE.

2. MR. RANSOM ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SENATE VOTE TO FREE IMPOUNDED GARRISON FUNDS. ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE REALIZES THAT THIS DOLLARS 17 MILLION WILL NOT IMPACT DIRECTLY ON MANITOBA'S ENVIRONMENT, THE MINISTER BELIEVES ANY FURTHER GARRISON

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EXPENDITURE NOW ONLY PRESAGES THE APPROVAL OF FUTURE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL CONFIRM THE PROVINCE'S WORST FEARS.
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